

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace Paragraph [0052] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0052]        The distal section 14C, is a section where ~~the respective radii~~ a radius R2 of the lateral surface L and a radius R1 of the medial surface M, extending from of the proximal section 14A<sub>1</sub> converge together towards the distal end portion 20. However, instead of converging together to form a point along the longitudinal axis of the stem portion 14, the respective radii converge so as to form a distal arc taper portion 14C. The benefit of the distal arc taper section 14C is that it prevents subsidence of the femoral insert 10 and prevents point loading of the distal end of the femoral insert.